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How many men, women and children do the municipal authorities in St. Louis want killed by the strikers in that city before taking effective measures to preserve life and property?

It is explained that the House committee on military affairs, which voted to report portunities of the temperance organizations urging its passage.

bank statistics of lowa show that during the last five years the number of about 80,000 and the aggregate deposits \$35,-000,000. People who are prospering that way ought to know when they are well off.

Virginia having voted to call a convention to revise the Constitution for the purpose of disfranchising the colored voters, that State will soon be added to the list of those that have repealed the provisions of the federal Constitution regarding suffrage.

When a decided majority of the members of the House petition the speaker for of a day for consideration of a bill, he, as the organ of the House, should comply with the request, leaving the responsibility for the passage of the measure with the House.

It is announced in a current paragraph that Lord Roberts has given Rudyard Kipling a pass which enables him to go any where he pleases in South Africa. At the rate Lord Roberts is going ahead it will not be long before any man can go freely where he pleases in South Africa.

Mr. W. T. Stead announces that his paper, War Against War, will in future be issued monthly instead of weekly, and in with this information complains of the apathy of the public. Steadism, which is another name for anti-imperialism, is, it appears, about as unpopular in Great Britain as Edward Atkinsonism here.

To-day and to-morrow will be busy days with astronomers in completing their arrangements and taking observations of the eclipse of the sun. The line of totality in this country embraces a strip of land fiftyfour miles in width, extending from Corpus Christi, Tex., to Norfolk, Va. Along this belt the sun will be totally obscured for from 73 to 102 seconds.

A Philadelphia firm of iron workers have refused to furnish the War and Navy Department building in Washington with a tube-cutter, needed in the engine room, on the ground that, being Quakers, they disapprove of war and cannot sell material to any building connected with war. Conscientiousness is a virtue, but this is pushing it pretty far.

It looks now as if nearly all Western ra cars to be equipped with automatic coupby Aug. 1. The time fixed for the law terstate-commerce Commission twice-first for one year and again last January for nore. Several roads have given on and after June 1 they will law requires. Its enforcement will result in saving many lives every year.

The Emperor William desires to visit the five counterparts. The scheme seems characteristic of the German police

The old controversy between the cham-

ns of General Sheridan and other solparticipated in the battle of Oct. as Cedar Creek, regarding the effect of that leader's appearance after the surmost notable victory if he had not been water companies and monopolies so long inight that the defender white the defender white the defender white the description of the land of the lan

more would rob such distinguished soldiers as Wright of the Sixth, Crook of the Eighth and Emory of the Ninth Corps, and commanders of their share of the honor, to say nothing of the thousands of veterans whose soldierly instincts led them to stop and join the new line to resist the enemy.

FOR CONQUEST, NOT INDEPENDENCE

Yesterday, for the first time since the beginning of the war in South Africa, Oct. 11, 1899, the British troops crossed the Vaal river and entered the territory of the Kruger republic. The war has been going on more than seven months, and seem now to be drawing to a close with the de feat of the Kruger army before it reached its own soil. The remnants of the fortified town, but it cannot hold out any considerable time. The overwhelming force of the British and the far-reaching strategy of Lord Roberts are too much for the small army of the Boers, now that most of their Orange Free State allies have deserted them. The meager news that comes from Pretoria is to the effect that many of the Boers regard their cause as helpless: President Kruger and his sympathizers

been fighting for the independence of his so-called republic, yet all of the fighting the Vaal into his own territory, vanquishel foreign soil. Wars for independence have usually been fought on the soil of for independence, its aim being to drive the British from all South Africa. For this war Kruger had been preparing for years. He was eager for the fray, and, evidently fearful that the British would not take the initiative, he forced the conflict on British soil-a fact which destroys the claim that, on the part of Kruger, it is a war in defense of the territory of the South African Republic and for its independence. As well call Kruger's war a war for in dependence as to hold that the man who breaks into his neighbor's house and saults him is doing this in defense of his

own fireside. President Kruger, because of the incident at Majuba hill, early in 1881, and the yielding of Mr. Gladstone, assumed that the British would not or could not fight and would make haste to yield to his demands if attacked. He has since discovered that he misapprehended the British. Consoquently, his war of conquest has become one for independence and he has lost his independence by being defeated and overwhelmed, first on British and next on Orange Free State territory. President Kruger's claim that he has been forced to fight for the independence of the Transvaal Republic is as lame as the assumption that his little oligarchy is a republic. In a republic the people have something to do in making the government. In Kruger-land three-fourths of the white inhabitants are ruled by a parliament elected by the other one-fourth, which practically denies the three-fourths participation public affairs, compelling them to pay nearly all the taxes without representation,

# MUNICIPAL ICE.

This is the season of the year when the

ice question forges to the front and becomes a burning issue, as it were. within the memory of old inhabitants when natural ice in summer was a luxury fined to the larger cities, and artificial is a product of comparatively recent years. With earth locked in the embrace of a zero has no attractions, either prandial hygienic, but, when summer heat comes then ice is vindicated. It is interesting to and wealthy of the earth never saw days. The Greeks and afterwards the Romans, who were always on the lookout for packed in deep, underground cellars, and at a later period a Roman emperor estab ticle of luxury for the rich alone. has assumed vast proportions, and now, methods of harvesting, packing, keeping and distributing, the greatest of summe of Queen Elizabeth could not have ob tained, is within the reach of the poores

There is something abhorrent and odio

rent as would be an air company or a comnation to think the time may come when such essential public utilities as water, heat and light will be under municipal control and furnished to the people at cost and nanufacturers of artificial ice be permitted to grind the faces of the poor and the rich izing trade in an article of universal use and prime necessity to comfort and health? Why not a municipal ice plant as well as municipal water plant or a municipal light plant? Just now the legal authorities New York are fighting an ice trust. The American Ice Company, capitalized at \$60,-000,000, controls 95 per cent. of the ice business carried on in New York city and surounding places. The policy of the company has been to buy up small and independent dealers and to require them to sign an agreement that they would not within a period of ten years directly or indirectly concern themselves in the ice business. it is impossible for the company to obtain the control of any rival for the purpose of maintaining prices fixed, it is the policy of the company by any means, fair or foul, to crush or ruin the competitor. The whole legal power of the State is now invoked to least free trade in ice. It is a question whether a municipal ice plant would not be better still. In Baltimore, which controls the water supply, the idea has been actually broached. The City Council has passed a resolution urging the establishment of an all the city departments. The mayor of the and operate an ice plant which could supthe fighting. On Oct. 10 he delivered his sity at a very small figure. The city owns Pritish | and supplies the water used by the public; that water cool and palatable in hot ant work voluntarily, and, knowing what need plenty of drinking water." The Baltimore American editorially indorses the suggestion. "Such a plant," it says, "designed | the long run they had reason to approve to supply one-half the city's entire demand, able to expend; it would soon pay for itself, and it would put the municipal government in position to fully protect the people from such extortionate practices as now confront the people of New York. Such discussion shows the trend of modern thought and municipal progress. It is not

> light plant and ice plant. IN THE INTEREST OF SOBRIETY.

unreasonable to believe that before the

close of the twentieth century Indianapolis

may own and operate its own water plant,

The army is made up chiefly of young men of average intelligence. During the past few years a much better class of men have enlisted than did years ago, because inquiry is made into the character an habits of men who apply for enlistment The duties of soldiers at military posts are notonous and the restraints of disci line deprive the men of that freedom which the average human being delights. The greater the restraint placed upon me the greater the excess of most when the opportunity presents. The men in th regular army are about as temperate other men, but when the rare periods good time, and many of them are reckless Probably just outside of every military reservation are the lowest grogshops an vilest dens of shame and vice that can found in the country. To such places, ofter after weeks of restraint, many enlisted men go after pay day, and some whenever they can get away. There the vilest of in toxicants and the most abandoned con pany are found. The men become sottishly drunk and forget to return to barracks When they return they are unfit for duty and discipline requires that they shall I punished. At best, the men are brutalized and lose their self-respect. Hundreds of men, recovering from these orgies, desert are arrested and sent to the military prison

or become outlaws. For years the best officers in the army have anxiously experimented to guard en-They have established recreation halls, libraries, bowling alleys, billiard and card rooms. In recent years the canteen has been added—that is, provision has been made for the sale of beer and light wines ents are sold. No treating is allowed and no man is permitted to drink intemficers approve of the canteen. It is their experience that the canteen has done away that the character of the men has im proved, that the offenses for court-martial

the existing contention is not between prewhich shall be made so attractive day and

shall have reading rooms, billiard rooms, bowling alleys, an amusement hall and a chase refreshments, beer and light wines for himself in small quantities, to be conto the controversy are very vividly set forth in a letter written by Captain Her-

clergyman, a portion of which is as fol-Concerning "A Minister's Letter," signe Marion Cornish, please ask the reveren ntleman to leave glittering generalities for hard facts. Let him put himself and his family, if any, in the place of the army officer and his family, let him have the alternatives of living on a small tract of land peopled by many strong and lust men and surrounded by gin mills over which he had no control whatever, as was our condition in the past, or as in the pres ent, living in the same place with no surrounding dives, the post exchange offering in their place all kinds of athleti sports, games, reading rooms, billiard frinks, or hot coffee for the thirsty, bu drunkenness or carousing not tolerated. Which will he prefer personally or proessionally, think the best for righteous-

There can be no doubt which is best f righteousness, yet those who call them selves righteous men array themselves the side of the liquor sellers on the flims pretext that the indorsement of the can teen involves "the new sin of legalizing the liquor traffic."

A METHODIST EXPERIMENT.

The removal by the Methodist Episcopal

General Conference of the time limit ministerial appointments undoubtedly omes as a surprise to members of other enominations, the more especially as it is shown that the laity as well as the preach ers are opposed to the old system. There has been a general impression among out siders that this hitherto distinctive feature of Methodism, though a cause of regret or certain occasions, was in the main satis factory to the church members. It was t be expected that the ministers themselve would favor a change whose tendency to give them each and all more permanent with it. So far as congregations are con cerned it has seemed to observers that in the system. Now and then each congrega would cost no more than the city is well | tion, large or small, had a pastor assigned to it who was kept to the end of the time limit and would gladly have been retained longer, but, on the other hand, and perhans in the majority of cases, the little frictions that occur in the best regulated religious families and the natural restlessness and difference of taste among the people made a change desirable and even welcome to al concerned, the pastor included. The machinery of the church worked so smoothly that new assignments were made as a mat ter of course, and if a congregation was no always pleased with the minister sent to that circumstance was considered one o the unavoidable chances of the system to be corrected at the next annual conference There was not time within the year for serious factional troubles to develop, and though the stay of the minister might be short he was likely to be free from the worries caused by an inharmonious congregaion. On his part, if he did encounter un pleasant conditions, he could look cheerfully forward to a time not distant when ne could at least enter upon different, if no always more agreeable, experiences. If were permissible to make a worldly and even sinful comparison in this connection it could be said that the possibility of drawng a higher prize hung encouragingly be fore him each year, and lent the same in terest of expectation experienced by th wicked person who buys lottery tickets. I each case was a hope for a lucky turn o fortune's wheel.

This is the way the method has appeared to onlookers whose church affairs operated n a different way, and who, when they t difficult to get rid of the old one an made the change only at the cost of friction and soreness among disagreeing elements. The Methodist brethren will now have an opportunity to try this plan, and possibly they will not find it all they expect. It is argued in its favor that it will greatly strengthen the denomination in the cities and larger towns by permitting the influence, but what will be the effect on the smaller churches and the circuits? Evidently the wise men of the conference think these will be benefited, and they are the ment whose results only time will prove and its workings will be watched with much interest.

## LOCAL CHARITIES.

It does not need expert students of so

tions that if due provision is made for the physical, moral and mental welfare of the rising generation less needs to be done in It must be seen from what precedes that | community of reform schools, prisons and other benevolent or penal institutions b which the public protects itself from the depredations of adult vagabonds and criminals. It needs no statistics to show that work a reform after the the evils of the use of intoxicants by Indianapolis. There are the free kindergartens, where thousands of little ones ge which they will never lose; there is orphan asylum, which celebrated an ann them seek it in the vilest dens which are | versary yesterday; there is the asylum for colored orphans, the Industrial School for harmful and poisonous liquids are sold; Girls, the Eleanor Hospital, where sick children are cared for, the vacation school named. All these undertakings are carried

-the majority of Indianapolis citizens be onging to that fortunate class which their funds from small sums. They he engage in such other money-making venleasant for them to solicit contribution harassed by many demands upon them; is not agreeable to ask their friends to bu tickets to an entertainment which the latfair means hard work, and the profits are not commensurate with the labor. But. trying and laborious as the work of sus taining these institutions is, they do not falter. Their hearts are in the undertakings. They see what is being accomplished and see also that more is needed, they cannot get their own consent to draw back. The men who are asked to contribut to these benevolent ventures should com ply cheerfully, thankful that the work i being done, and done well, without care to themselves. It is but little that is asked of them at any one time. Hardly one of them but spends more any day in cigar r "drinks for the crowd," or in ways that he thinks nothing of. It is not probable that in the year, with all the apceals of the women to their generosity, they give the scriptural tenth of their incomes in charity, but if they do they should be glad that the proper way of ap-

It is fair to assume that the prominen rmy officers in the Philippines have bet ter opportunities for accurate information egarding affairs in Luzon than have cor espondents who see only for themselves while in Manila. There is no doubt that there is a great deal of brigandage in porions of Luzon. There always has been, when well-informed officers declare that there is no organized army with ng towns or fortified places, their information, derived from scouts, is more re liable than that of correspondents who have not such sources of information. long time will elapse before order will be enforced in the islands, but the United States can bring them into civilized cor ditions more effectually than can any other power. If all Americans would insist that the supremacy of this government must be recognized, and that the followers Aguinaldo can hope for nothing until they yield unreservedly, the task of the Amersuch lighter than it is. The report of the majority of the Meth-

plying it is so plainly pointed out to them

For all the institutions named are worth to

the community all they cost, and much

dist conference's committee on Discipline contains so many innovations that one the minority is said to have begged that some feature of the church polity be left, so that, when our new Book of Discipline is published outside people will be able to distinguish it from other confessions of faith." The Methodist General Conference is making some sweeping changes which will affect the future of that powerful denomination, all of which goes to show that experience teaches that there can be changes in church creeds disciplines in response to the demand of wider intelligence. So long as no attempt is made to revise the Sermon Mount there can be no cause for alarm. Women have had much to encourage them this week. Their existence has been of

ficially recognized by the Methodist General Conference and they have won a victory over their old-time enemy, Editor Buckley-triumph enough for one occasion But while the women may "feel to rejoice." as the aged brethren say in prayer meeting men, too, have reason for gratification in the fact that women came nobly to their defense against the attacks of one of their own sex. It was at the Mothers' Congress that a male speaker made the assertion that only women loved, but that men were governed by their physical senses. The assembled mothers wouldn't have it so they hissed the speaker, and when he was through they answered him in scathing terms, denying his assertions and eulogizing husbands in general in a way to make a normal man proud that he lived. It has been the general impression that man did not count for much in these mothers' congresses, but, according to this, it seems that his character and reputation are quite safe there, and he may henceforth breathe freely when the organizations meet.

The recent organization of the Illinois Historical Society has brought to light what is probably the oldest civil record in the Western country. It is a record containing 136 pages of entries, written on pig's skin and in French, the entries beginning at Fort Chartres in 1737 and thence changing to Kaskaskia, the first capital of French occupation of Illinois, though omething as old may yet turn up at Vincennes, Ind., which was settled by the

The special committee appointed by the Presbyterian General Assembly to consider the question of revision of the Westninster Confession of Faith, consisting of eight ministers and seven elders, includes two Indianians, Rev. Dr. Fisher, of Hanover College, and ex-President Harrison. assembly whether General Harrison would accept a place on the committee.

Things have not been going Editor Buckley's way during the past week in the Methodist General Conference, and he when he is beaten and take his defeat manfully? Nevertheless, he did not anticipate being downed by the women at this conference, and he must feel the blow

A new brewery gave so much offense to vania, that he prayed publicly that disaster night befall it. Soon after the brewer was struck by lightning and destroye And now the owners have actually brough amages, the case would seem to involve

The little son of a Pennsyl

untry butter," and after drinking from t died in great agony. And yet the farmers are greatly outraged over the frauds erpetrated by the oleomargarine makers!

The citizen who seized and fortified a words, "You're another." The denors piece of Chicago and resisted the police and doubtless do not mean to intimate that the the sheriff's posse has a new process for obtaining real estate, but as he could not esist the successive charges of the police method cannot be commended to others.

In Chicago, at least, the sheep and the goats are not always separated according to Scripture, as it is reported that 100,00 goats are sold annually in that city as

#### LITERARY FOTES

"When Knighthood Was in Flower" has en for fifteen months one of the six best selling books in America, a record for connued popularity never before equaled in this country by any work of fiction.

The author of "John Inglesant" declares that it is very improbable that he write any more books. He is a manufacturer of sulphuric acid, and is now confining his energies to the supervision of his bus-

Mr. Thomas Nelson Page is going to his own dramatist, and is now engaged on a stage version of "Red Rock," which is one of the most popular novels of the day, having reached a sale of nearly 100,000 The most popular of Italian authors,

Edmondo de Amicis, of whose "Cuore" 235, 000 copies have been sold, has just brought out his memoirs. They tell less about himself than about his friends and contem-The New York Evening Sun proposes Mary Mannering for the part of Jocelyn

Leigh, the "leading lady" in Miss Johnston's novel, "To Have and to Hold," declaring her to be the only American actress deally fitted for and capable of interpreting the character. The Rev. Elijah Kellogg, author of "The

Elm Island" and other stories for celebrated his eighty-seventh birthday anniversary at his home, in Harpswell, Me., Thursday. He is in excellent health, attends to his farm chores every day, and preaches two sermons every Sunday. Thorneycroft Fowler's literary success is pictured English Methodism conscientiously and sympathetically. It appears that her andfather was a Methodist minister, and her interpretation of Methodism to Mayfair has been accepted like her interpretation of Mayfair to Methodism as can and profoundly interesting.

In the "Humors and Blunders" corner of the Library Journal is the following tribute to contemporary literary fame: Small Girl-Will you give me the book my sister wants? Librarian-But what book is it? Small Girl-Oh, I don't know, but wants it very much. Librarian (at a venture)-Is it "To Have and to Hold?" Small Girl-Yes; that's it-all I could think of was "If you get it; keep it."

The critic of the London Spectator writes of Mr. Howells's "subtle observation, delicacy," and "sense of style," but he doesn't like the middle-aged hero and heroine his latest book. "They remind one a little," he asserts, "of a certain virtuous, but "imossible' man in a recent novel, of whom a brilliant woman said: 'Poor dear man! Of course we couldn't know him in London; out I trust we shall meet him in heaven.' Mrs. Burnett's novel, "In Connection with

the De Willoughby Claim." has awakened ing beds were in use, as she represents, the time of the civil war. They were certainly not common, but the article of furniture has been long known, as readers of Goldsmith's "The Deserted Village"

"The chest contrived a double debt to pay A bed by night, a chest of drawers by day. Judge Millard Cox, of Indianapolis, author of "The Legionaries," has discovered what almost every writer of fiction knows to be true, that many readers insist or making the author the hero of his own tale. Judge Cox is receiving letters every day him if he was "really" one of Morgan's raiders or if he assisted in liberating the great "freebooter" when he was a prisoner at Columbus. The story has an air of actuality that gives cause for the belief that it is autobiographical, but the author was a small boy at the time.

traordinary sales of some particular book or a few months, and then the instantanous loss of all interest in it whatsoever: for this shows that the public mind in its literary preferences is becoming like the mind of a child which goes into ecstasies over a new toy only to grow tired of and smash it before its newness has half worn off, and then to squall vigorously for another.

## ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS.

A German savant says dying is a perfectly easy and painless process. Conusness, he says, ceases in nearly every nstance before the heart stops beating. Richard Yates, the Republican nomine for the governorship of Illinois, is a lover of rare books, and has one of the largest and most valuable libraries in that State. Lord Roberts is the only man living enwears his own on his left breast, but the army regulations provide that he must wear the cross earned by his son on the opposite side.

Governor Lounsbury, of Connecticut, is aseball enthusiast and never misses game when business permits. He frequently goes to New York for the sole purpose witnessing a National League game David B. Hill is also a "fan."

Rev. George C. Lorimer, of Tremont Temple, Boston, who has been offered the presidency of Columbian University. nsidered one of the best Sanskrit schol ars in America, and has, of late years, de voted almost all his study in that direction realized from Kipling's "Absent-minde Beggar" in various ways, the proceeds going to the families of the men fighting in South Africa. This is at the rate of \$10,000 a line, which doubtless breaks the poetry

The first woman to run an automobile in wife of the United States consul general. The machine is of American make. There are only three or four automobiles in use at Stockholm, although the roads are particularly adapted to them.

passed over his long, sober face. d gentlemen, I've got gifts of eloquene but I haven't them with me this evening.

Ernest Kruger, a compositor employed in printing office in Leipzig, Germany, has just completed his fiftieth year of service. and has been occupied in setting type for one book nearly all that time. The book is Grimm's German Dictionary, and the first batch of manuscript was turned over to the compositor in 1851. Thus far 32,000 pages have been printed, and the work is not yet half done. Among the contestants for the great No-

n the world, is the Russian battle painter, erestschagin. He has gone to Christiana where he has opened an exhibition of his pictures. The ground of his application for the prize is that he has so realistically depicted the horrors of war as to make many converts to the doctrines of peace.

ient capital to yield £1 a day. Mr. Ruso Johanna Severn and Prof. C. E. N ge, Mass. He revokes by a c

Among the many gifts that have be

lump of gold shaped into a brick. It bears he inscription "To Gen. Sir G. S. White. N. Z." On one face are the words: "This i a brick," and on the reverse are the

general is a gold brick. Whence comes the charge? 'Twere simply For some grow wise and some grow cold. And all feel time and trouble

If life an empty bubble be, How sad for those who cannot see The rainbow in the bubble!

### WISDOM OF CURRENT FICTION.

-Frederick Locker.

The most thankless task in the world by explaining a joke to a person who has not seen it .- Woman and Artist

"Speaking sharp seldom does do much good," sapiently remarked Mrs. Bateman, "except to them as speaks."-The Farring-

In the dissolution of sentimental partner. ships it is seldom that both partners can withdraw their funds at precisely the same time.-The Touchstone.

The world of commerce and speculation is as aloof from the scholar and the recluse as the rings of Saturn or the sun of Aldebaran.-The Waters of Edera. What woman can withstand the fascina-

tion of a lover's faith that she is an angel? If a man is fool enough to believe it, why undeceive him?-Unleavened Bread. Slight, but chronic dyspepsia, the depre-

our countenances a more touching melan-

choly than do the woes of love .- The Garden of Eden. A profound knowledge of human nature enunciated the decree, "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house," and relegated the neighbor's wife to a back seat among

the servants and live stock .- Diana Tem-When a New England woman starts to go up stairs, she always asks herself whether is her duty to begin with the right or the left foot, and what relation her step bears to the great laws of the universe.-The

I dessay it's wicked o' me to feel like this and it's enough to make the Lord angry with me; but it don't seem to me as there's anything in religion that quite makes up for never havin' had a beau o' you own .-The Farringdons.

#### BUBBLES IN THE AIR. Stretched by Contrast.

"Did you get your new shoes. Bertha?" "No, Harry; by the time I had tried on four or five pairs these old ones that have pinched so felt loose and comfortable."

Alice-What did Clara say when you asked Laura-She said she was just as young as

An Emergency Well Met.

any other woman of her age on earth. A Man Describes a Hat. "Jack, what did Ethel's new hat look like?" "Oh, it was a little drab thing, about this

green, and strings hanging down the back." Artistic Athletics.

big, covered with purple roses and something

"That man you sent up to clean house is awfully stylish, Harry." "Does he wear a silk hat?"

"No; but he beats the carpets with a golf

Human Nature.

"Grosvenor Jenkins was in here two months ago bragging that he had never had the grip." "Well, what of it?" "This morning he was in here bragging that

he had had it four times."

Unpopular Levity. "There is a dreadful barrier between Archi-

bald and me.' "Oh, Carolyn, what is it?" "He didn't know that pa was a hygienic liver, and he called oatmeal 'bran mash.'

How Things Work.

Bryan-Before my election, you know, we must all pull together. Bryan's Followers-Yes, of course; oh, yes!

### Bryan-But after my election, you know, I can pull the whole thing along by myself.

Footnotes. Among the triumphs of modern gardening the disappearance of buckhorn-handled asparagus 5

A man can come to two pairs of spectacles; Lowell's New England "rare day in June"

The cynic who says he has never had any fun

since he was born has, no doubt, had more than he has deserved For bad weather the weather man shirks all responsibility; in good weather he acts as if he

After a woman has straightened up her top bureau drawer she can't find anything in it until it gets all mussed up again. A well-shaven lawn is beautiful; but knee-

deep grass, with the wind blowing through it, is entitled to favorable mention.

berry short cake an inch and a half thick. After a woman has hidden the front door key

under the mat she often changes her mind, goes back and hides it under a flower pot around the

## SOWENS PORRIDGE.

What the Mixture Is On Which Mafeking Is Subsisting.

London Daily News. With regard to the statement by the Daiy News Mafeking correspondent in Thursay's issues that sowens (or sowens porridge, as he calls it) has become the staple dish of the besiezed town it may be of interest, says a correspondent, to know how this old Scotch dish is made. After the patmeal is extracted from the oat all the remaining part, husks, bran and fine oat lour, is soaked in water for several days, during which time it sours and slightly ferments. The whole is then sifted and strained, all the water poured off, and a fine white sediment left. This constitutes the sowens, and it is boiled with water of milk and eaten with milk or syrup. Mafeking, where there are no meal mills suppose the whole oat would be soaked It is a highly nutritious dish, of a slight sourish taste, and is often redoctors as a light article of diet in case of indigestion, etc. In Scotland the night par excellence for sowens is Hogmanay the last night of the old year, where it is the staple supper dish in most farm kitchens in the north. There used also to exist sentiment in favor of splashing other people's windows with the liquid on that particular evening, which, however, is dy-

# The Voracious Robin

Philadelphia Record

has been told to go to the ant; but a West Philadelphia woman who has made close study of animal life is of the opinon that the robin might furnish an equal ncentive to industry. On the principle that the early bird catches the worm. covered that Mr. Robin has good cause o get an early start, for he must catch about six feet of juicy worms every day if he wants to maintain his reputation as a good provider. Each infant ro quires for its proper maintenance four inches of tender angle-worm per day, you see, marketing is no sinecure for Mr. and Mrs. Redbreast. As robin families average four big-billed youngsters each, there is fifty-six inches of worm to be crested from the earth every ies. Nor is this all of the tro traught with dangers of the di re is their terrible ir always-alert hu